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1. Pardubice Aircraft Works

The Pardubice aircraft works produce* Messerschmidt 109 fighter planes at the rate of 120 per month. The plant employs 3,200 workers in three shifts, 215 office workers, 4 managers, and 15 engineers, several of whom are Russians. The managers are said to be working under assumed names.

2. New Military Airfield at Pardubice

- a. A base to be known as the Polestany Airfield and destined for exclusive military use is at an advanced stage of construction at Pardubice. The field has three runways which intersect each other at angles of 60 degrees. Each runway is 2,600 meters long. Two of the three runways are ready for use.
- b. The construction work is being done by soldiers and by slave laborers. The latter are guarded by Soviet troops and by members of the Workers' Militia, and not by SNB personnel.

* Comment: It is not certain whether the Pardubice plant actually manufactures ME-109's or merely assembles or remodels existing Luftwaffe planes.

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